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WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS-- A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA GAMES! THE BABYLON ROGUES HAVE JUST REJOINED THE AERIAL ARMY THEY HAD ONCE ABANDONED; THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA. NOW THESE FLYING FIENDS ARE ON A DIRECT COURSE FOR THE HOMETOWN OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN THEIR QUEST FOR THE LEGENDARY BABYLON GARDEN.!!

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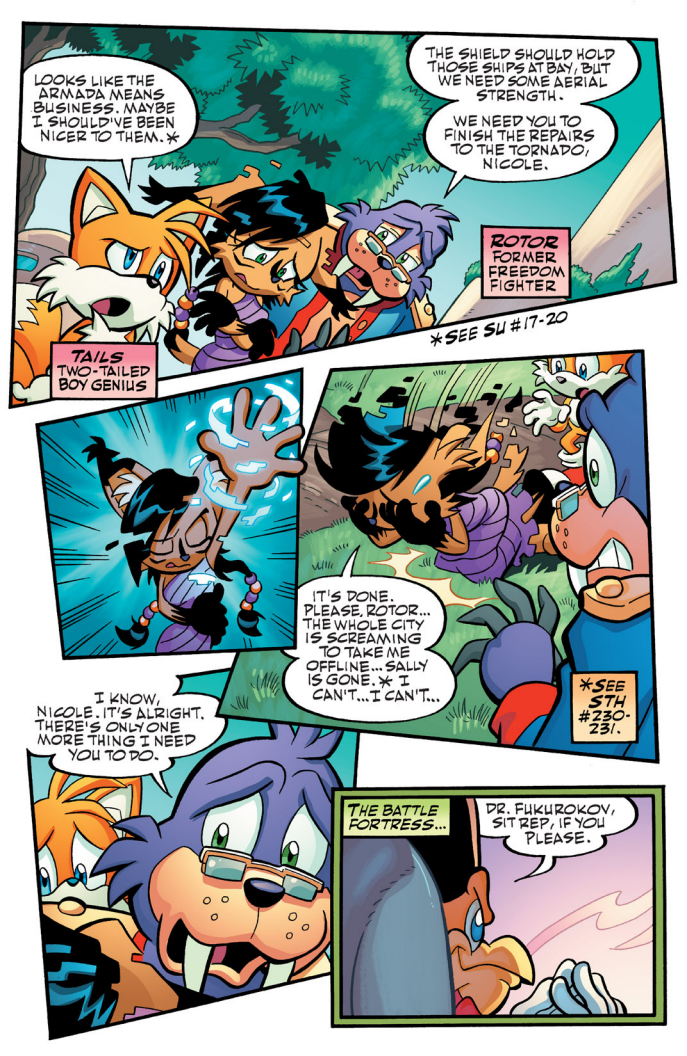
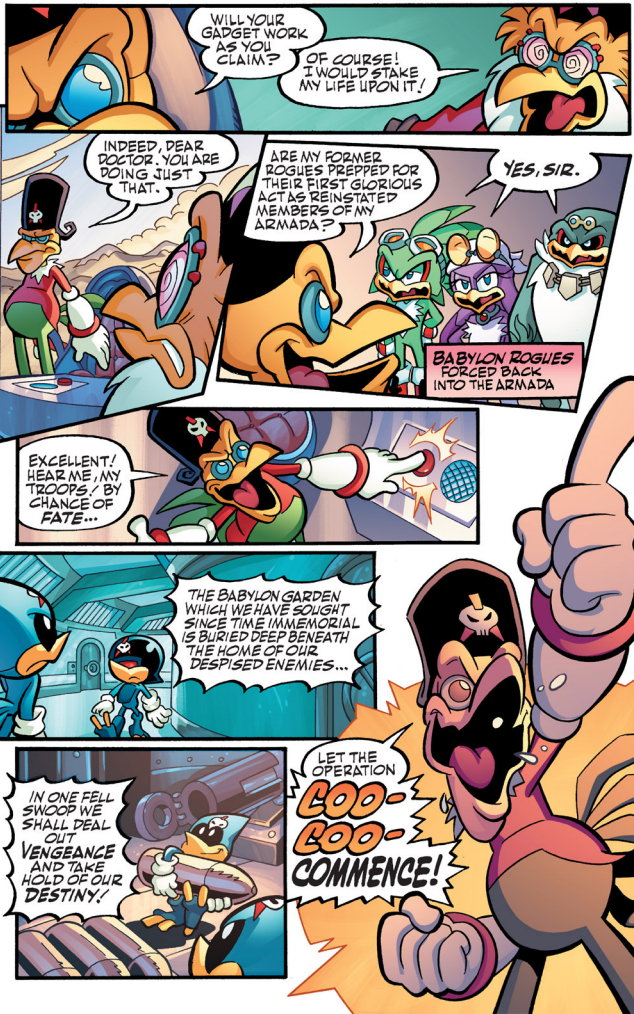
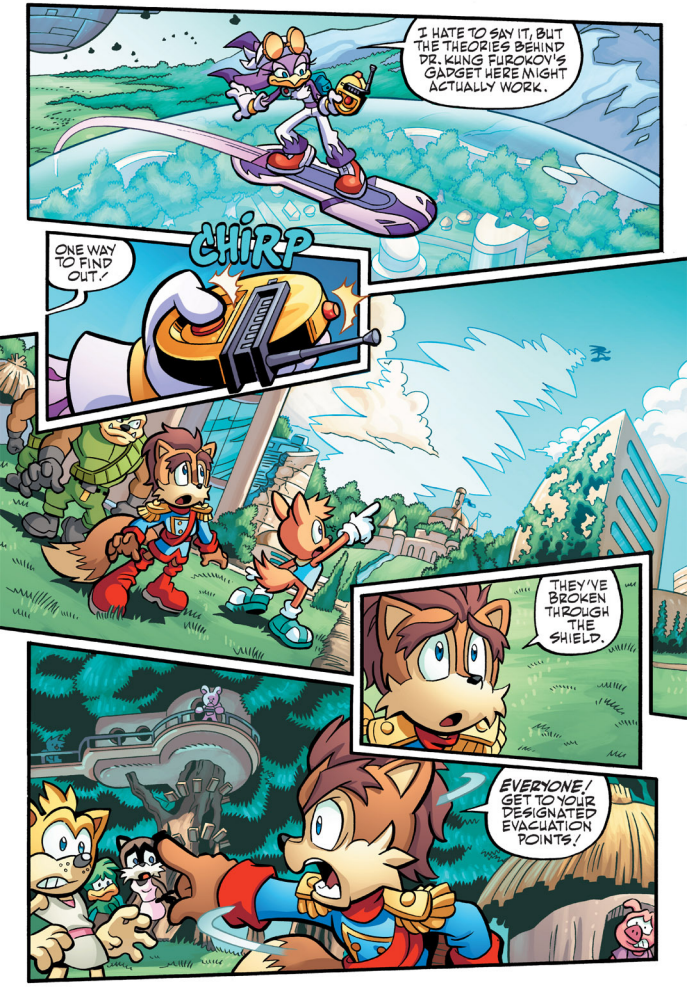
NICOLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, IN CHARGE OF CITY DEFENSES

NICOLE? NICOLE!

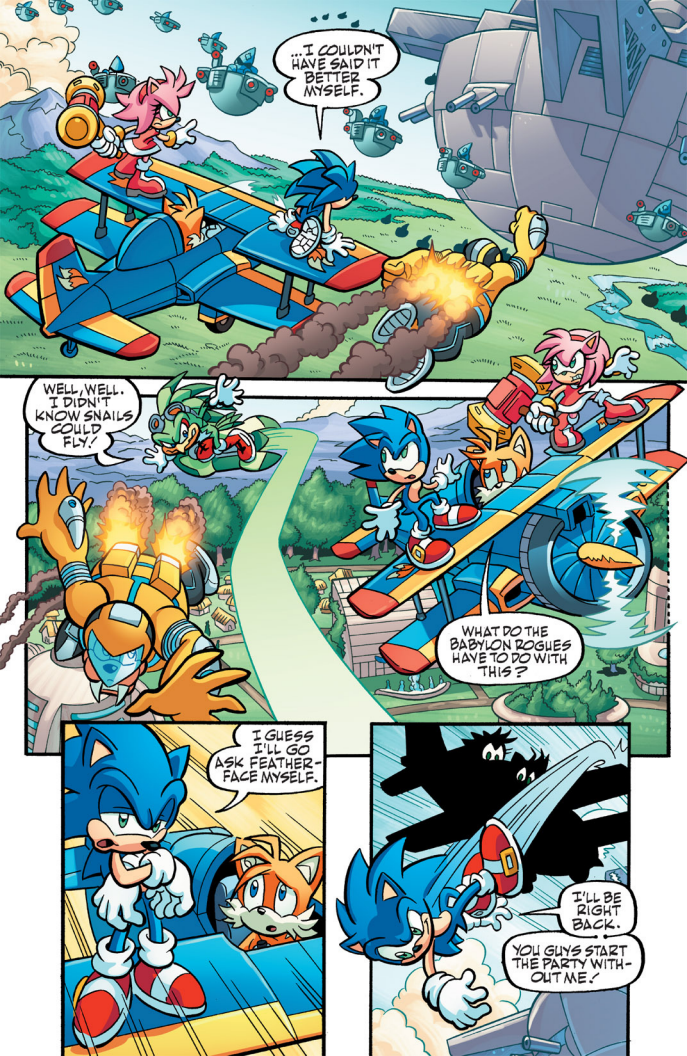

LOOKS LIKE THE ARMADA MEANS BUSINESS. MAYBE I SHOULD'VE BEEN NICER TO THEM. *
THE SHIELD SHOULD HOLD THOSE SHIPS AT BAY, BUT WE NEED SOME AERIAL STRENGTH.
WE NEED YOU TO FINISH THE REPAIRS TO THE TORNADO, NICOLE.
ROTOR FORMER FREEDOM FIGHTER
*SEE SU #17-20
TAILS TWO-TAILED BOY GENIUS
IT'S DONE. PLEASE, ROTOR... THE WHOLE CITY IS SCREAMING TO TAKE ME OFFLINE... SALLY IS GONE. * I CAN'T...I CAN'T...
*SEE STH #230-231.
I KNOW, NICOLE. IT'S ALRIGHT. THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE THING I NEED YOU TO DO.
THE BATTLE FORTRESS...
DR. FUKUROKOV, SITREP, IF YOU PLEASE.

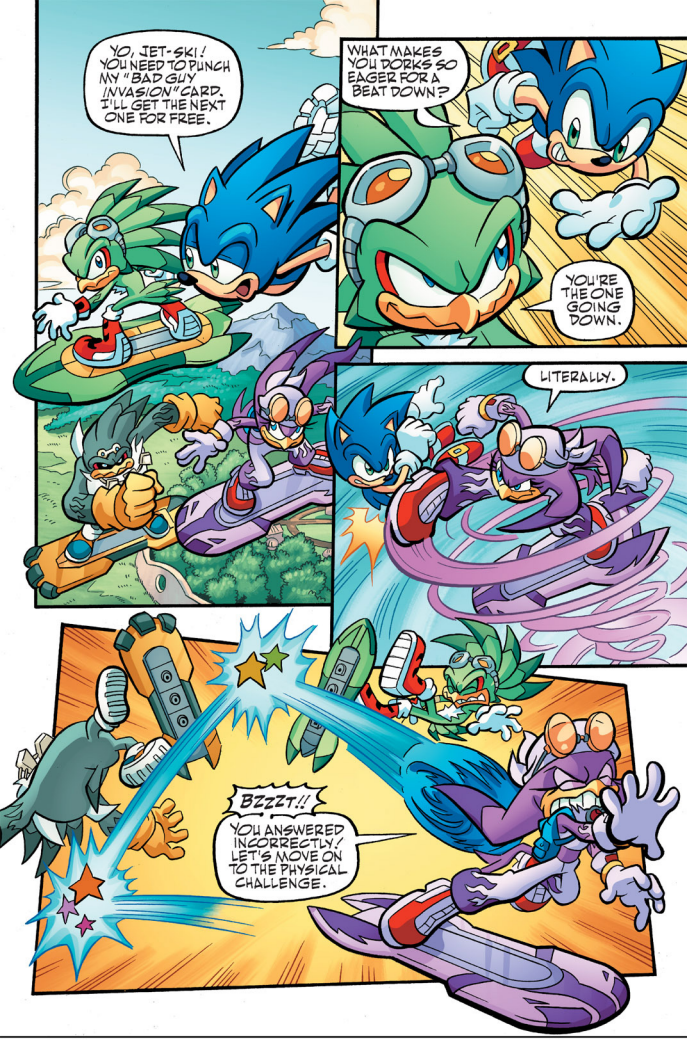
YES, MY LORD. SINCE OUR LAST ENCOUNTER WITH THE MISERABLE MEDDLER, MILES PROWER, WE HAVE GATHERED MUCH USEFUL INTELLIGENCE./
BATTLE LORD MASTER AND COMMANDER
DR. FUKUROKOV SCIENTIST AND TACTICIAN
OUR EYES IN THE SKY REPORT THE CITY IS CONSTRUCTED ENTIRELY OF MICROSCOPIC MACHINES, OR "NANITES," WHICH ARE RUN BY AN OPERATING SYSTEM CALLED "NICOLE".
THEIR SECURITY MEASURES SEEM LIMITED, BUT EFFECTIVE. MOST PROMINENT IS THE FORCE FIELD SHIELD ENCLOSING THE CITY AS WE APPROACH.
ENOUGH REVIEW, DOCTOR. WHAT I WISH TO KNOW IS...

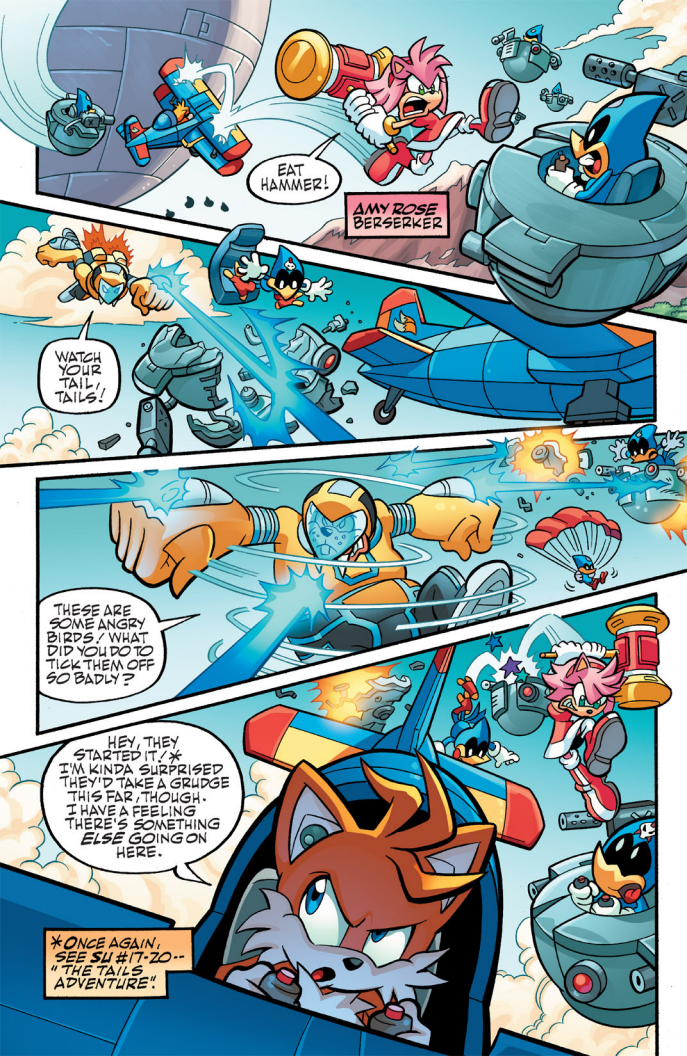

WILL YOUR GADGET WORK AS YOU CLAIM?
OF COURSE! I WOULD STAKE MY LIFE UPON IT!
INDEED, DEAR DOCTOR. YOU ARE DOING JUST THAT.
ARE MY FORMER ROGUES PREPPED FOR THEIR FIRST GLORIOUS ACT AS REINSTATED MEMBERS OF MY ARMADA?
YES, SIR.
BABYLON ROGUES FORCED BACK INTO THE ARMADA
EXCELLENT! HEAR ME, MY TROOPS, BY CHANCE OF FATE...
THE BABYLON GARDEN WHICH WE HAVE SOUGHT SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL IS BURIED DEEP BENEATH THE HOME OF OUR DESPISED ENEMIES...
IN ONE FELL SWOOP WE SHALL DEAL OUT VENGEANCE AND TAKE HOLD OF OUR DESTINY!
LET THE OPERATION LOO-LOO-COMMENCE!


I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT THE THEORIES BEHIND DR. KUNG FUROKOV'S GADGET HERE MIGHT ACTUALLY WORK.
ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.
CHIRP
THEY'VE BROKEN THROUGH THE SHIELD.
EVERYONE! GET TO YOUR DESIGNATED EVACUATION POINTS!

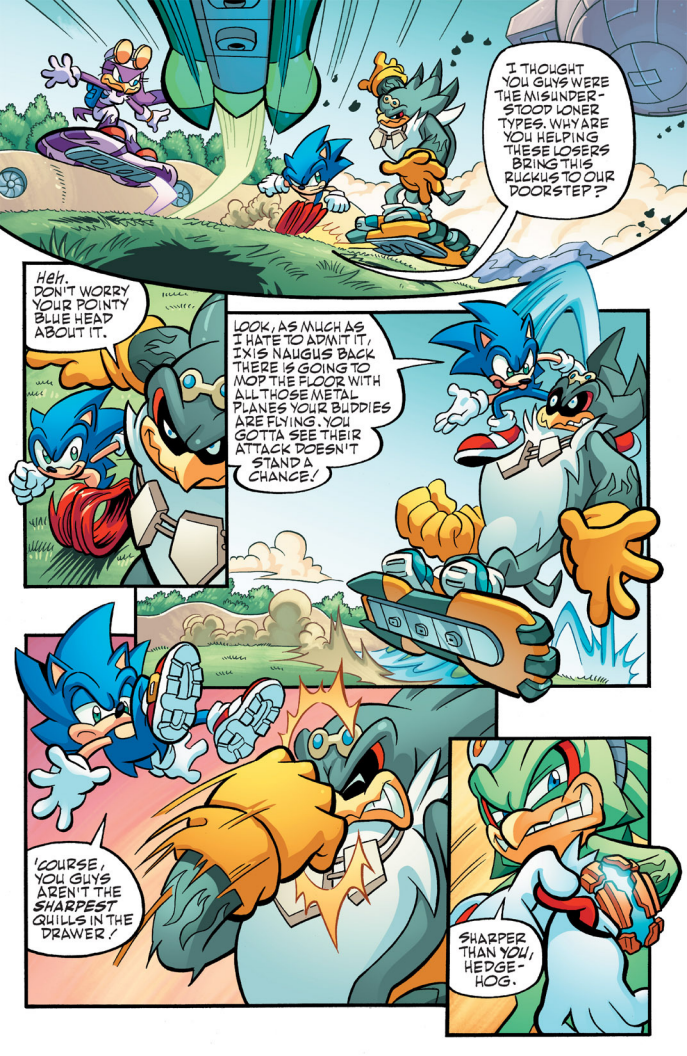
CAN HE STILL GIVE ORDERS? I THOUGHT IXIS NAUGUS WAS THE NEW KING.
I DON'T THINK THE COUNCIL APPROVED ANY NEW EVACUATION PLANS!
HE IS STILL ON THE COUNCIL, RIGHT?
THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR DEBATE!
IT'S TIME FOR ACTION! NOW MOVE IT!
ROTE, OL' BUDDY...
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HERO OF MOBIUS


...I COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER MYSELF.
WELL, WELL. I DIDN'T KNOW SNAILS COULD FLY!
WHAT DO THE BABYLON ROGUES HAVE TO DO WITH THIS?
I GUESS I'LL GO ASK FEATHER-FACE MYSELF.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
YOU GUYS START THE PARTY WITH-OUT ME!


YO, JET-SKI! YOU NEED TO PUNCH MY "BAD GUY INVASION" CARD. I'LL GET THE NEXT ONE FOR FREE.
WHAT MAKES YOU DORKS SO EAGER FOR A BEAT DOWN?
YOU'RE THE ONE GOING DOWN.
LITERALLY.
BZZZT!!
YOU ANSWERED INCORRECTLY. LET'S MOVE ON TO THE PHYSICAL CHALLENGE.

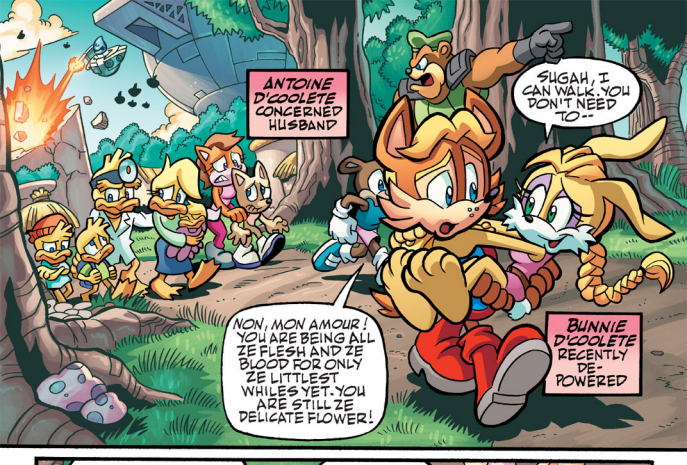

EAT HAMMER!
AMY ROSE BERSERKER
WATCH YOUR TAIL, TAILS!
THESE ARE SOME ANGRY BIRDS / WHAT DID YOU DO TO TICK THEM OFF SO BADLY?
HEY, THEY STARTED IT/* I'M KINDA SURPRISED THEY'D TAKE A GRUDGE THIS FAR, THOUGH. I HAVE A FEELING THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON HERE.
*ONCE AGAIN, SEE SU #17-20-- "THE TAILS ADVENTURE".

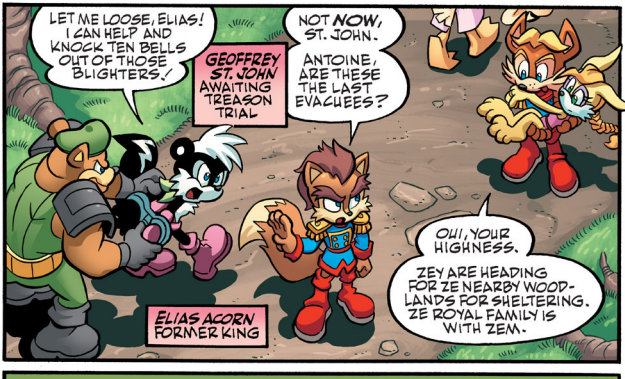
THEY MAY HAVE STARTED IT, BUT WE'RE GONNA FINISH IT./
RIGHT! LET'S TAKE 'EM DOWN!
!
FEAR NOT, MY SUBJECTS./ YOUR KING SHALL SAVE YOU ONCE AGAIN./
IXIS NAUGUS USURPER TO THE CROWN
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?
YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY YOURSELF LATELY. OR SHOULD I SAY, OURSELF?
INDEED./ I DESTROYED THE TITAN METAL SONIC* DESPITE YOUR DISTRACTING CHATTER. NOW THIS MECHANIZED AIR FLEET WILL FARE NO BETTER AGAINST MY MAGICK./
OUR MAGICK, YOU MEAN.
NONSENSE! BE QUIET, YOU TWO!
*SEE STH #23!

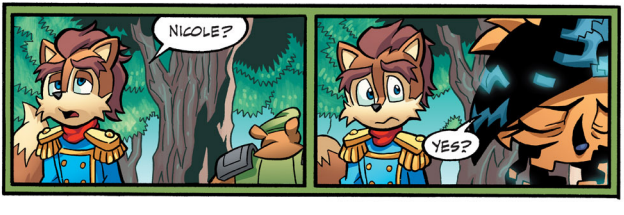

I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE THE MISUNDERSTOOD LONER TYPES. WHY ARE YOU HELPING THESE LOSERS BRING THIS RUCKUS TO OUR DOORSTEP?
Heh. DON'T WORRY YOUR POINTY BLUE HEAD ABOUT IT.
LOOK, AS MUCH AS I HATE TO ADMIT IT, IXIS NAUGUS BACK THERE IS GOING TO MOP THE FLOOR WITH ALL THOSE METAL PLANES YOUR BUDDIES ARE FLYING. YOU GOTTA SEE THEIR ATTACK DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!
'COURSE, YOU GUYS AREN'T THE *SHARPEST* QUILLS IN THE DRAWER!
SHARPER THAN *YOU*, HEDGEHOG.

HA! ONCE I'VE CRYSTALLIZED THIS VESSEL, IT WILL MAKE A FINE FLAGSHIP TO SPREAD MY REIGN TO THE REST OF MOBIUS!
MY DEAR SIR, I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT'S BEST NOT TO COUNT ONE'S CHICKENS BEFORE THEY'VE HATCHED. ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF...
I AM THE GRAND BATTLE KUKKU. FOURTEENTH BATTLE LORD OF THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA.
WITH WHOM DO I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SPEAKING?

I AM KING IXIS NAUGUS! BEARER OF THE CROWN OF ACORNS./ WIELDER OF THE ANCIENT IXIAN MAGICKS!
YES. A WIZARD.
THE WIZARD.
WIZARDS!
YOU RELY ON MAGIC TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS.
MY CHIEF ENGINEER RELIES ENTIRELY ON HIS MACHINES.
MY PREFERRED MEANS TO AN END, HOWEVER...
...IS BRUTE FORCE.
I TOLD YOU THIS WAS A BAD IDEA.


ANTOINE D'COOLETE CONCERNED HUSBAND
SUGAH, I CAN WALK. YOU DON'T NEED TO--
NON, MON AMOUR! YOU ARE BEING ALL ZE FLESH AND ZE BLOOD FOR ONLY ZE LITLEST WHILES YET. YOU ARE STILL ZE DELICATE FLOWER!
BUNNIE D'COOLETE RECENTLY DE-POWERED


LET ME LOOSE, ELIAS! I CAN HELP AND KNOCK TEN BELLS OUT OF THOSE BLIGHTERS!
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN AWAITING TREASON TRIAL
NOT NOW, ST. JOHN.
ANTOINE, ARE THESE THE LAST EVACUEES?
OUI, YOUR HIGHNESS.
ZEY ARE HEADING FOR ZE NEARBY WOODLANDS FOR SHELTERING. ZE ROYAL FAMILY IS WITH ZEM.
ELIAS ACORN FORMER KING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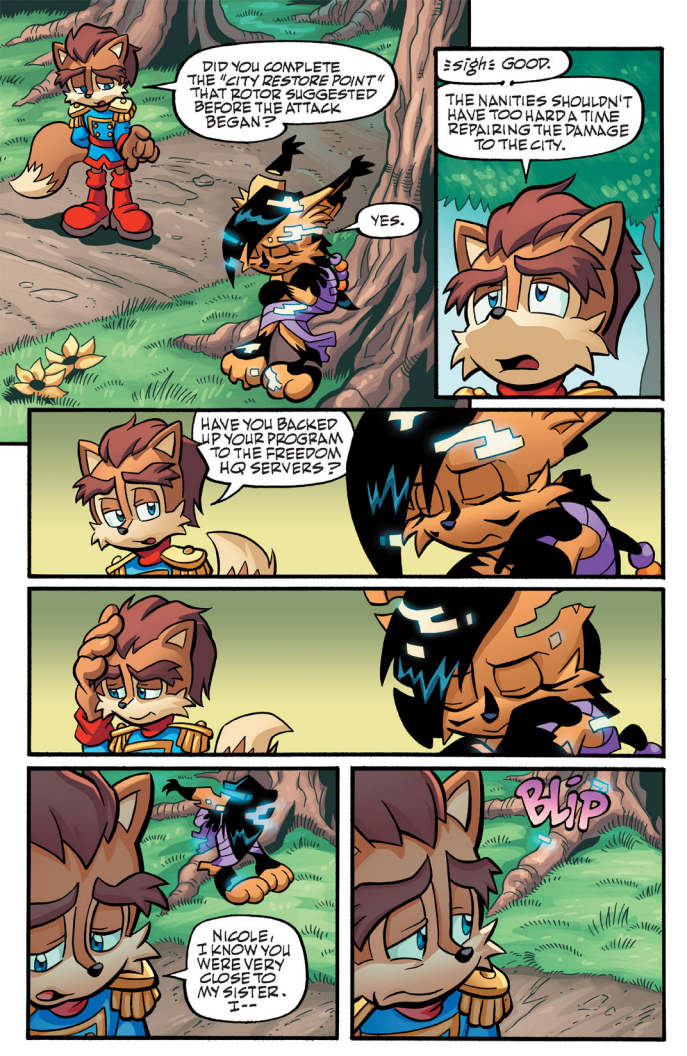
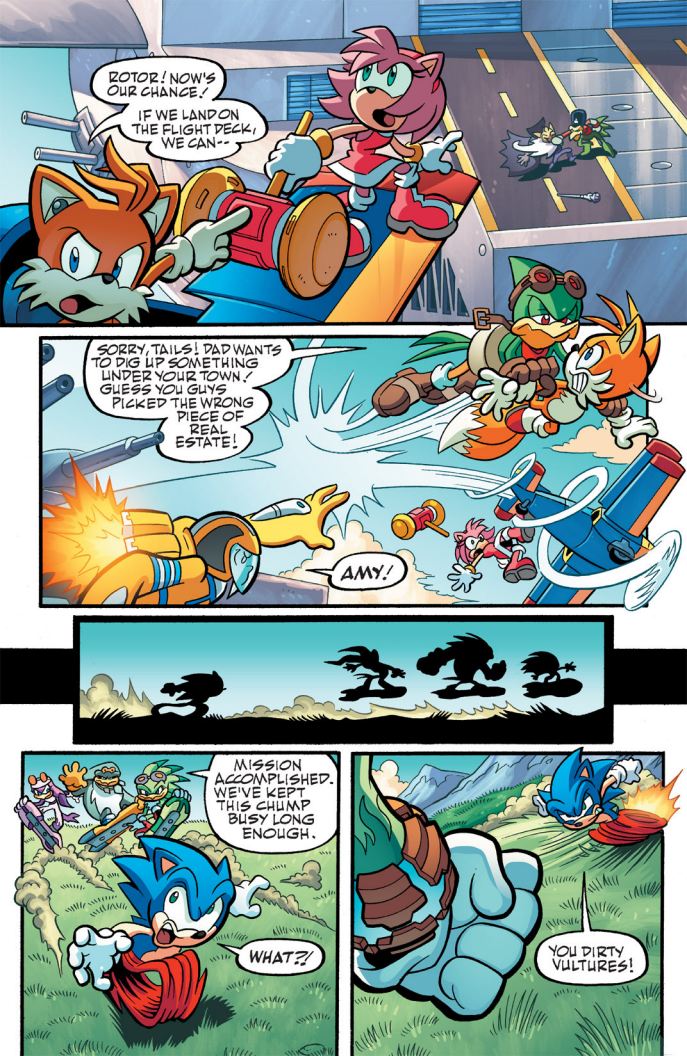
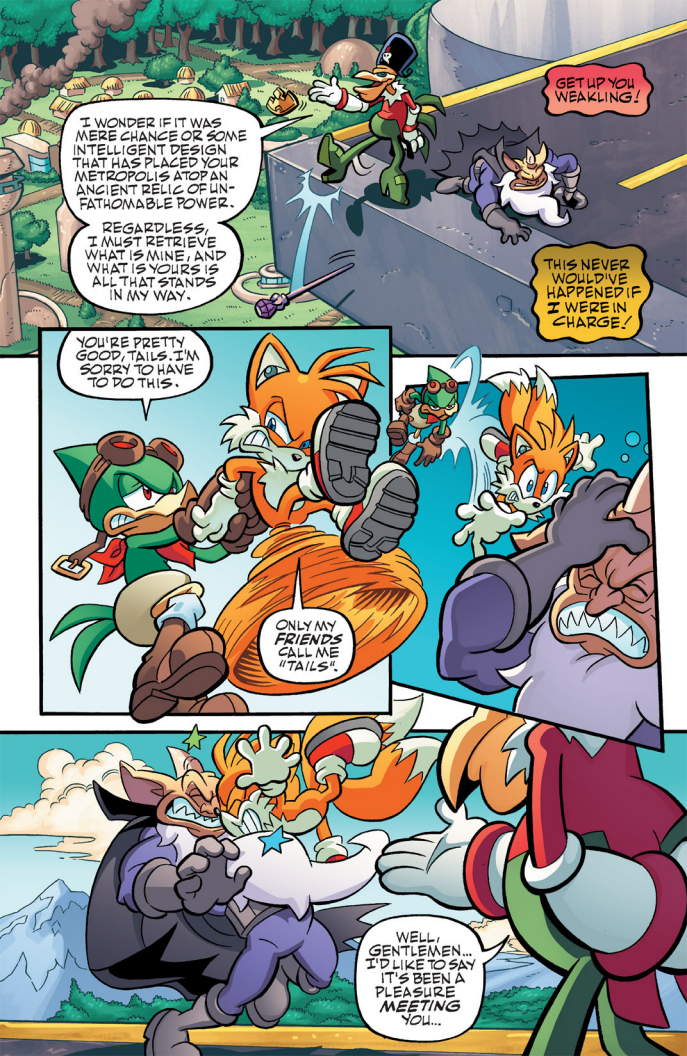
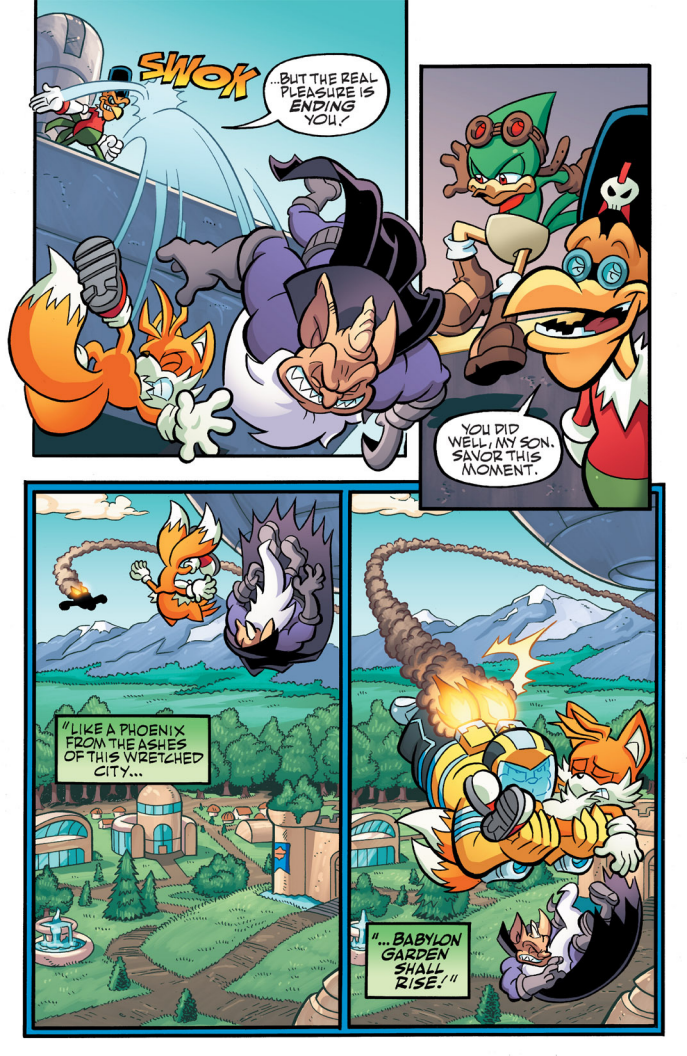
YES?

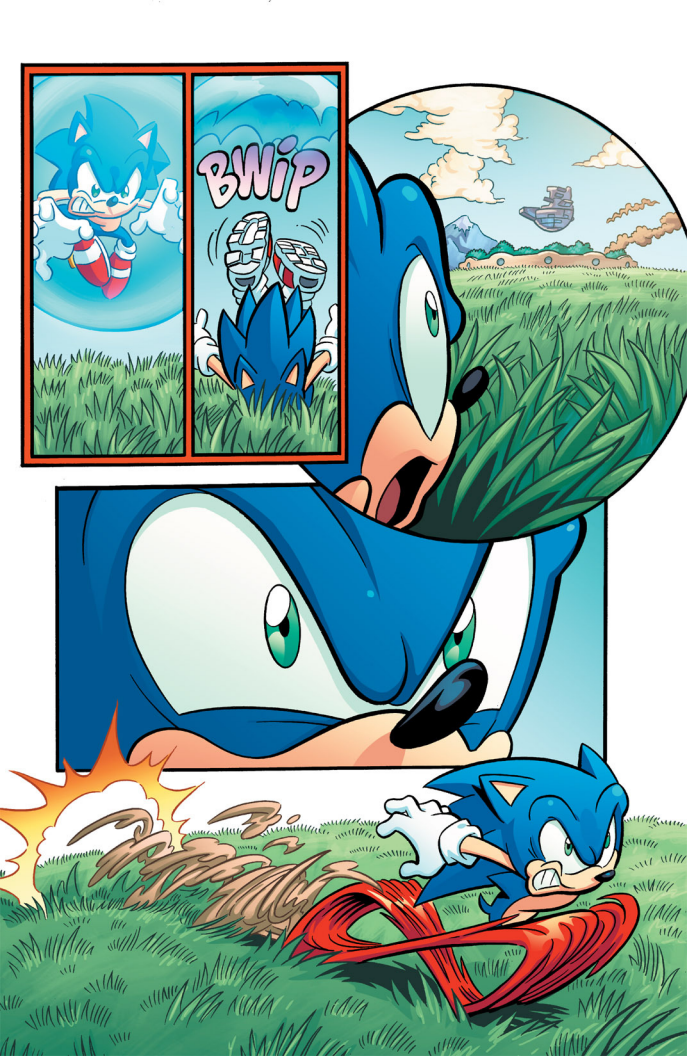

DID YOU COMPLETE THE "CITY RESTORE POINT" THAT ROTOR SUGGESTED BEFORE THE ATTACK BEGAN?
YES.
SIGH. GOOD.
THE NANITIES SHOULDN'T HAVE TOO HARD A TIME REPAIRING THE DAMAGE TO THE CITY.
HAVE YOU BACKED UP YOUR PROGRAM TO THE FREEDOM HQ SERVERS?
NICOLE, I KNOW YOU WERE VERY CLOSE TO MY SISTER. I--
BLIP


ROTOR! NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
IF WE LAND ON THE FLIGHT DECK, WE CAN--
SORRY, TAILS! DAD WANTS TO DIG UP SOMETHING UNDER YOUR TOWN. GUESS YOU GUYS PICKED THE WRONG PIECE OF REAL ESTATE!
AMY!
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. WE'VE KEPT THIS CHUMP BUSY LONG ENOUGH.
WHAT?!
YOU DIRTY VULTURES!

GRAVITY RING
ANCIENT BABYLONIAN ARTIFACT
BWOWM
WELL, YOU COULD HANG AROUND FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...
MY LORD.
GO AHEAD, DOCTOR.
WE ARE IN FIRING POSITION.


I WONDER IF IT WAS MERE CHANCE OR SOME INTELLIGENT DESIGN THAT HAS PLACED YOUR METROPOLIS ATOP AN ANCIENT RELIC OF UNFATHOMABLE POWER.
REGARDLESS, I MUST RETRIEVE WHAT IS MINE, AND WHAT IS YOURS IS ALL THAT STANDS IN MY WAY.
GET UP YOU WEAKLING!
THIS NEVER WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF I WERE IN CHARGE!
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD, TAILS. I'M SORRY TO HAVE TO DO THIS.
ONLY MY FRIENDS CALL ME "TAILS".
WELL, GENTLEMEN... I'D LIKE TO SAY IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE MEETING YOU...


SWOK
...BUT THE REAL PLEASURE IS ENDING YOU.
YOU DID WELL, MY SON. SAVOR THIS MOMENT.
"LIKE A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES OF THIS WRETCHED CITY...
"...BABYLON GARDEN SHALL RISE!"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Why?
What do you mean, "Why"?
Gee...I never thought of it that way.
What do you want to do now?
Well, we have control of the Chaos Emeralds and kidnapping Amy would just bring Sonic to stop us.
Got any 5's?
Go Fish.
This is boring...
Wanna get Amy Rose now?
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